

## NC State Government Web Site Archives: Searching Help

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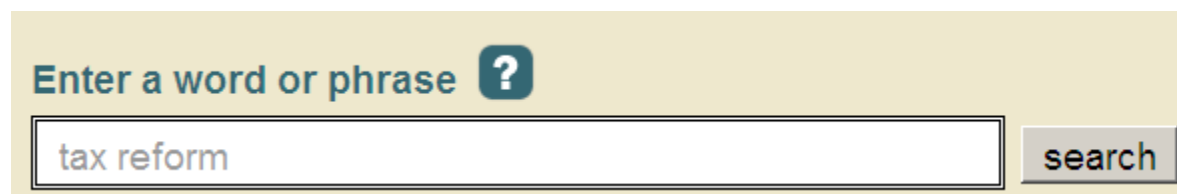
### General Information

The search tool used to provide full-text access to the North Carolina State Government Web Site Archives is powered by the open-source search engine, [Nutch](#). The programming team at the [Archive-It](#) project are continually adding features that will make searching the Web Site Archives easier and more streamlined. As such, this help page will be revised periodically. You are encouraged to return often to see what new features have been added.

### Keyword Search

The search box default is a full-text keyword search. If more than one word is entered into the search box, the results will include all web sites containing those words.

For example, if you want to search for all web sites in which the words **tax** and **reform** appear somewhere in the page, type:

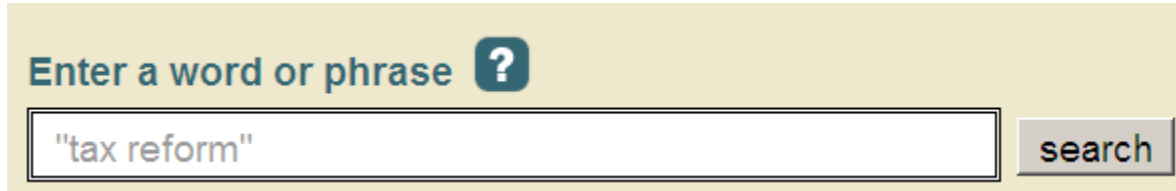


The screenshot shows a search interface with a light beige background. At the top, the text "Enter a word or phrase" is followed by a blue square icon containing a white question mark. Below this is a white search box with a thin black border, containing the text "tax reform". To the right of the search box is a grey button with the word "search" in white text.

## Search for a Phrase

If you want to find a phrase, surround your words with quotation marks.

For example, to search for all web sites where “**tax reform**” appears as a phrase, type:



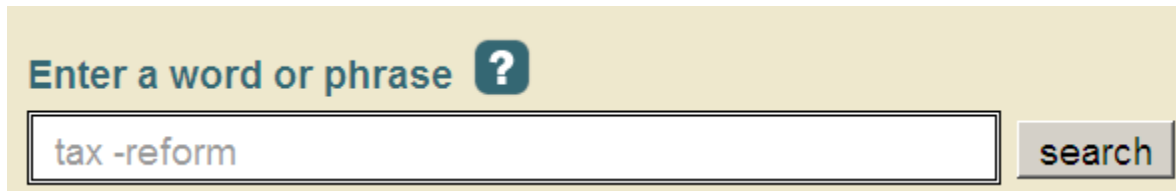
Enter a word or phrase ?

"tax reform" search

## Excluding Words from a Search

If you do not want your results to include a certain word or words, use the minus sign.

For example, if you want results that have the word **tax** but not the word **reform**, you would type:



Enter a word or phrase ?

tax -reform search

## Search and Browse by File Format

There are two ways to find files by file type.

1. To **browse** through all files of a particular type within the Web Site Archives, use the “Search by file type” drop down menu.

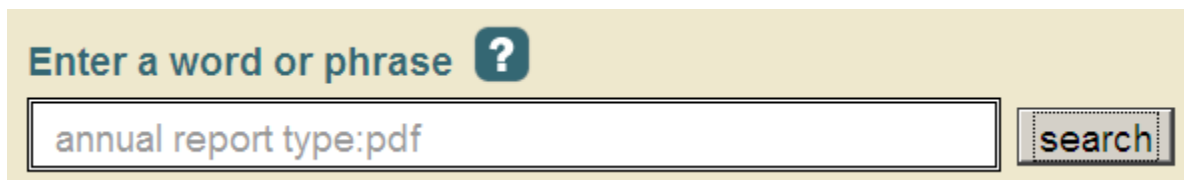


Search by file type

--File Types-- search

2. If you would like to **search** for a keyword term within files of a certain type, use the keyword search and limit your search to just that file type by adding **type:[file type]** to your search term(s).

For example:



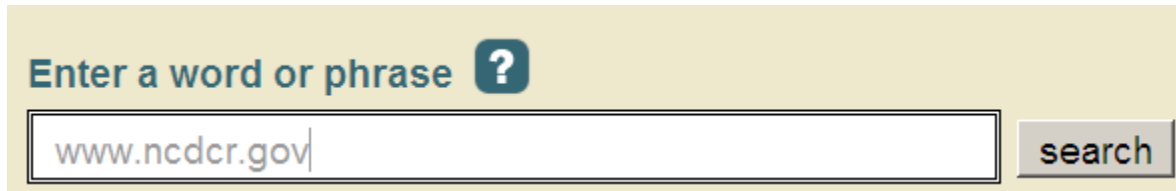
Enter a word or phrase ?

annual report type:pdf search

## Search for a Specific Web Site

To see if a web site is part of the Web Site Archives, you can just type the URL directly into the search box. (Do not include the http://.)

For example:



Enter a word or phrase ?

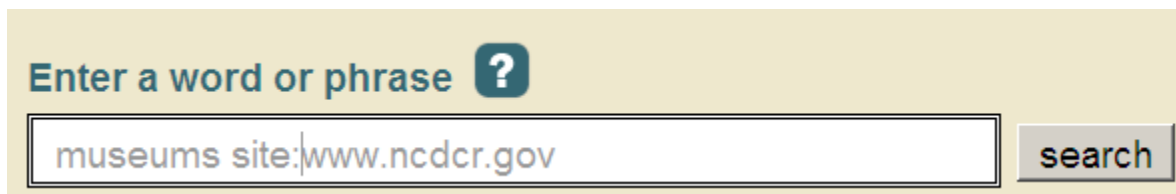
www.ncdcr.gov

search

## Search within a Specific Web Site

If you want to find a word that appears on a specific archived web site, you can limit your search by adding **site:[URL of archived site]** to your search terms.

For example, you can search for information about museums on the Department of Cultural Resources' web site by using the search string:



Enter a word or phrase ?

museums site:www.ncdcr.gov

search

## Viewing Results

When you generate your list of results, you have several viewing options.

1) **View a specific archived version of web page:** Click on the bold link to view a specific archived version of the web site. The date stamp in the search result tells you when the web site was collected.

[N.C. State Publications Clearinghouse](#) ←  
... for all State publications . N.C. State Publications Clearinghouse Depository Libraries A list of ... the agencies of North Carolina. Clearinghouse Statistics Core Li  
Access to State Government Information Initiative ... state government information in all formats. Clearinghouse Publications Checklist of Official North Carolina ...  
helps agencies comply with the ...  
<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/TSS/DEPOSITO.HTM> [text/html] (16780 bytes) **2008-10-24 11:11:14 PDT** - [other versions](#) - [more from statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us](#)

2) **View all archived versions of web page:** Click on the “other versions” link to view all archived instances of that web page.

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Access to State Government Information Initiative ... state government information in all formats. Clearinghouse Publications Checklist of Official North Carolina ...  
helps agencies comply with the ...  
<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/TSS/DEPOSITO.HTM> [text/html] (16780 bytes) **2008-10-24 11:11:14 PDT** - [other versions](#) - [more from statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us](#)

3) **View all archived web pages from a specific web site:** Click the “more from...” link to view all of the web pages archived for a specific site. If there is no “more from...” link, then there are no other archived web pages for that web site.

[N.C. State Publications Clearinghouse](#)

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Access to State Government Information Initiative ... state government information in all formats. Clearinghouse Publications Checklist of Official North Carolina ...  
helps agencies comply with the ...

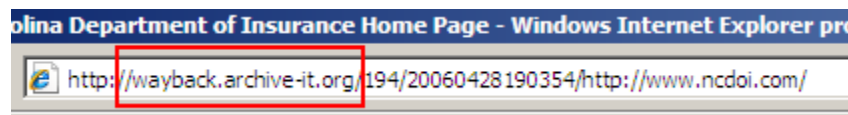
<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/TSS/DEPOSITO.HTM> [text/html] (16780 bytes) - 2006-10-24 11:11:14 PDT - other versions - [more from statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us](#)

## Advanced Searching within the Web Site Archives

You can do more detailed searches if you understand the URL system used by Archive-It. Below is an explanation of the URL structure, and how it can be modified. You can modify your URL when you are viewing an archived web page.

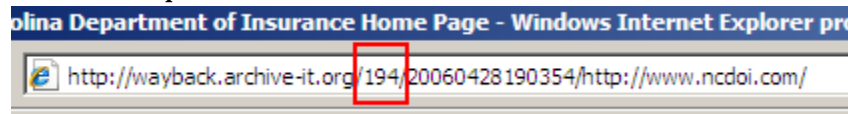
### Search Engine Address:

The first portion of the URL is the address of the search engine (i.e., <http://wayback.archive-it.org/>). *This portion of the web address should not be modified.*



### Collection Number:

The second portion of the web address is the collection number.



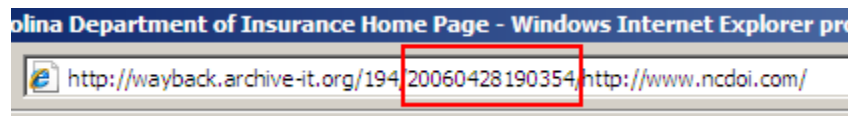
There are three collection numbers in the Web Site Archives. The largest and most current collection is 194, so that is the default for the search engine. However, the web site you are looking for could also be contained in the earlier collections (195 or 196). To quickly determine if earlier versions of the displayed page are contained in another collection, do the following:

- Change the collection number from **194/** to **195/** or **196/**
- Remove the date/time and replace with a \*

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060501163733/http://www.ncdoi.com> could be changed to [http://wayback.archive-it.org/195\\*/http://www.ncdoi.com](http://wayback.archive-it.org/195*/http://www.ncdoi.com) to see if collection 195 had an earlier version of the [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) web site.

### Date/Time:

The third portion of the web address is the date and time the web page was archived.



The format is YYYYMMDDHHMMSS. In the example above, the page was archived on April 28, 2006 at 7:03pm and 54 seconds).

#### *View all dates*

If you want to see all dates that page was archived, simply replace the date string with an asterisk.

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060428190354/http://www.ncdoi.com/> could be changed to [http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/\\*/http://www.ncdoi.com/](http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/*/http://www.ncdoi.com/) and then all dates the [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) site was captured in collection 194 would be listed on the screen.

#### *View a specific date*

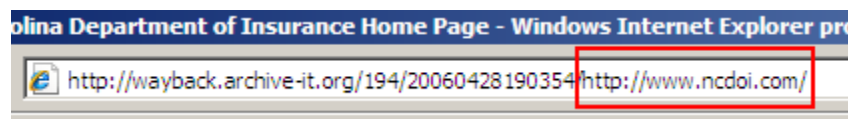
If you want to see the page on a specific date, you need to replace the existing date information with as much of the new date information as you want to specify. You can specify just a year; a year and month; or a year, month and day. Use an asterisk to fill in the information not specified. *NOTE: If the page was not archived on the date you entered, you will be shown the version of the page archived closest to that date. So, please check the date string of the results to make sure the version you are actually viewing will serve your needs.*

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060428190354/http://www.ncdoi.com/> could be changed to [http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/2005\\*/http://www.ncdoi.com/](http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/2005*/http://www.ncdoi.com/) to return all the dates the [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) site was captured in collection 194 during 2005.

For another example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060428190354/http://www.ncdoi.com/> could be changed to [http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/200502\\*/http://www.ncdoi.com/](http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/200502*/http://www.ncdoi.com/) to return the version of the [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) site captured closest to February 2005.

#### **URL of the Archived Web Site:**

The fourth portion of the web address is the URL of the archived web site.



To see all archived pages from this URL add an asterisk after the URL and replace the date string with an asterisk.

For example, <http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/20060428190354/http://www.ncdoi.com/> could be changed to [http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/\\*/http://www.ncdoi.com/](http://wayback.archive-it.org/194/*/http://www.ncdoi.com/) to return all pages in the [www.ncdoi.com](http://www.ncdoi.com) site that have been archived.

If you still have questions about how to refine and/or improve your search results, please contact the Web Site Archives at [web.archive@ncdcr.gov](mailto:web.archive@ncdcr.gov).